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Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing to express Local 138 of the International Union of Operating Engineers support for the Broadwater Energy LNG project. The Broadwater Energy project will reduce energy costs for my members, ensure their children breathe cleaner air and serve as an economic catalyst for job growth throughout Long Island and the entire New York metropolitan region.

This project will keep energy costs down across the region through increasing the region's supply of natural gas. Working families will receive much needed relief from the volatile costs associated with heating their homes. By making energy more affordable, this project will also make our region more competitive and, in turn, lead to job-producing business expansion.

The construction phase of the Broadwater Energy project will create approximately 140 jobs on Long Island. The operation of the LNG terminal will create approximately 60 permanent jobs; however, the benefits of this project to the Long Island workforce extend far beyond just those 200 jobs. New natural gas supply will drive economic growth and future job growth across many industries throughout the region.

In addition, by bringing a new supply of natural gas, a clean-burning fossil fuel, this project will make a significant contribution in helping the region to re-power the older oil and coal-electric generation facilities with natural gas. This will ensure that working families breathe cleaner air and live healthier lives.

Local 138 of the International Union of Operating Engineers strongly supports the Broadwater Energy LNG project and urges that the project's many benefits to Long Island, the New York metropolitan region and its working families be thoroughly considered during the review process.

Sincerely,

William K. Duffy
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